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| If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the s If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the a Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). | will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. pplication to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). | | | |
| Status | | | | |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>May 7, 200</u> | · • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | | | |
| 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL . 2b) ☒ This action | n is non-final. | | | |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance exclosed in accordance with the practice under Ex pair | | | | |
| Disposition of Claims | | | | |
| 4) 🕅 Claim(s) <u>1-42</u> | is/are pending in the applica | | | |
| 4a) Of the above, claim(s) | is/are withdrawn from considera | | | |
| 5) | is/are allowed. | | | |
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| 7) | is/are objected to. | | | |
| 8) 🗓 Claims <u>1-42</u> | are subject to restriction and/or election requirem | | | |
| Application Papers | | | | |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. | | | | |
| 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/ar | e a͡) □ accepted or b)□ objected to by the Examiner. | | | |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawin | g(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). | | | |
| 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on | is: a approved b) disapproved by the Examiner. | | | |
| If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to thi | s Office action. | | | |
| 12) \square The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner | | | | |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 | | | | |
| 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign prior | ity under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). | | | |
| a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐None of: | | | | |
| Certified copies of the priority documents have b | een received. | | | |
| 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No | | | | |
| Copies of the certified copies of the priority docu application from the International Bureau (*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the common priority. | PCT Rule 17.2(a)). | | | |
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| Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). | | | |
| Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) | | | |
| 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) | 6) Other: | | | |

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DETAILED ACTION

Please note that this application has been transferred to a different Examiner.

Election/Restriction

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: The Species of Figures (1), (2), (4 & 12), (5-6 & 12), (7-9 & 12), (10-11), (13-14), (15-16, 18A/18B, & 19), (17), (20-23) and (24-25).

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, there is no generic claim.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after

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the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP §

809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct,

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applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to

be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the

examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission

may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

2. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an

election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR

1.143).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Aung S. Moe whose telephone number is (703) 306-3021. If attempts to

reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber,

can be reach on (703) 305-4929.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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(703) 872-9314, (for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT")

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the customer service number (703) 306-0377.

A. Moe

June 6, 2002